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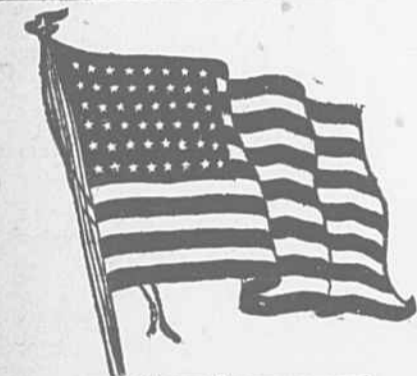
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WHY CAMPS CHANGED.

YESTERDAY'S announcement that the West Virginia infantry would be cantoned at Hattiesburg, Miss., instead of Montgomery, Ala., although it was a complete surprise event to the officers of the First here, has been coming for some time. Since shortly after General Pershing got to France, to fix the time approximately. And if any one here feels that it is a matter which calls for profanity the thing to cuss is either the war council which directs military operations of the Allied armies on the west front or the particular American Army Staff which set up the scheme by which our army was organized with divisions containing almost 30,000 men.

When General Pershing got to France it was realized at once that the large divisions of the American army would not fit into the European army system which is based upon divisions of about 16,000 men. General Pershing immediately made such representations to the War department as brought speedy orders to reorganize the army of the United States into divisions of the smaller size. One of the results of that order is that Ohio is to be represented in the army by a full division, which will have an Ohio man for major general and Ohio men in all the lesser posts including the brigadiers at the heads of the brigades. In conformity with the plan to provide a separate camp for each division Ohio soldiers are to have Camp Sheridan to themselves.

The change would not make the slightest difference for the West Virginia soldiers if it were not for the fact that this separation from Ohio, which had a geographical basis at least, is likely to throw them with some odds and cads of state guards in such a way as to practically make them lose their identity. If we had the third regiment to which we are entitled and the brigade had a well known West Virginian commander there would be less likelihood of this. If there is yet time to save the situation by organizing that third regiment it ought to be done.

If that cannot be done an effort should be made to have the two West Virginia regiments brigaded with one of the Pennsylvania regiments which will be left over because of the reduction in the size of the Pennsylvania division.

THE NEW OFFENSIVE.

ONE of the peculiarities of the great war is that no army on either side, with the exception of that led by Gen. Jan Smuts in South Africa and the possible exception of the army which Falkenhayne led into Rumania has yet succeeded in going where it started to go or accomplishing anything faintly resembling the task that was set for it. Perhaps if we knew exactly what the army which overrun Rumania was ordered to do we would be able to say flatly that not yet have the great strategists scored a bullseye, so to speak.

These are things that should be remembered while keeping watch on the progress of the new Allied offensive on the extreme northern end of the west front. In their heart of hearts the British and French commanders doubtless hope that they will be able to roll back the Germans in such fashion that they can complete the extremely difficult operation of turning a flank that rests firmly upon a deep blue sea.

To begin with that would make the whole German position in Belgium and Northern France extremely difficult, but of vastly more importance than that, from the standpoint of the higher strategy of the great contest, it probably would make the German naval base at Ostend and Zeebrugge worthless, and it is at Ostend that much of the submarine activity of the German navy centers. If this base were destroyed the Germans would be hard put to find one that would serve their purpose as well. Indeed with Ostend back in the possession of the Allies all U-boat activity would be seriously curtailed.

That the British naval authorities have had some major stroke against the German sea power in contemplation admits of scarcely a doubt. Public opinion is beginning to insist upon more naval activity. It was because the navy has done nothing that Lloyd George had to drop Carson from the First Sea Lordship the other day. It is conceivable that if the German high seas navy were at the bottom of the sea, or such a large proportion of it there that Ger-

many could no longer be classed as a naval power. Britain would be willing to take more kindly to peace talk. But all this, of course, is mere idle speculation. The logic of the situation presupposes a naval motive to the operation started yesterday morning, and we shall have to wait until the purpose of it becomes more apparent.

If this flank is turned and the Germans have to fall back within their own lines this fall as a result of the action, the winter that will follow is going to be far from pleasant for those who are trying to hold the lid on in Berlin and Vienna.

SPLENDID RESULTS.

THANKS to the fact that Dr. Peter Noe, who is in charge of the emergency hospital at Traction park, does not consider it any part of his duties to be secretive or mysterious about the work he is doing, the public is able to see how much better it is to have the little victims of the Monongah outbreak of poliomyelitis in a hospital where they can have expert treatment every minute of each twenty-four hours than in their own homes.

At least two lives have been saved because the patients were so fortunately placed that they could be given the proper attention by skilled people at just the right time. For the time being that is much more important than mother or father love, and all parents who are not hopelessly prejudiced ought to be able to see that.

Dr. Noe himself inspires confidence. He has made a most excellent impression among the local practitioners of medicine, and with the trained nurses with whom he has been able to surround himself he has created a hospital for the treatment of this dangerous disease which is capable of doing anything that the most elaborately equipped hospital plant in the country can do. To be sure it is not prepared to give the expert orthopedic treatment by which the patients are taught anew how to use the parts that were paralyzed, but that will come later. It is prepared to do the work that is before it and to do it well. The people of Monongah, and indeed of the whole county, it seems to us, owe Dr. Noe and the people who made it possible for him to be here a debt of gratitude.

The food control bill is almost certain to be passed with a clause directing the government to close up the distilled liquor business for the duration of the war, yet the new tax scheme devised by the Senate Finance committee contemplates a revenue of \$90,000,000 a year from distilled spirits. What's the idea?

At City hall the announcement is made that all consumers of water will be on metered service by the first of January. Good work; if some consumers have their water measured out to them all should be on the same basis. After the entire city is metered it will be possible to get a correct idea of what will have to be done in the way of extensions to the water plant to take care of the growth of the city in the near future. Something will have to be done along this line soon, for there has been considerable complaint this summer regarding inadequate water supply. There seems to be plenty of water, but an inadequate distribution system.

The Times has been informed that Mayor Bowen intends to recommend the appointment of two police women. One is all that is asked for, and, for the present at least, one is all that should be appointed.

From different sections of the country come reports that the postoffice people are returning draft board notifications with the information that the persons addressed are not to be found. Naturally enough, it is presumed that young men subject to military service have moved since registration day in the hope that they will thus be able to escape the draft. Some of them may be able to get away with this scheme. It is easy to lose one's self, for a time at least, in a big country like this. But at best it is a dangerous game and was provided for in advance. The law states specifically that it is the duty of young men of military age to keep themselves posted regarding their liability to service. The fact that they did not get the draft board notification will not absolve them from the charge of shirking when they finally are rounded up, as they certainly will be in time.

The British prepared the Somme offensive in full view of the German army which was to be attacked. The movement now under way in Belgium seems to have been prepared in the same deliberate and frank way. If it goes home even the Germans will have to confess that the hated British at last outclass them on land. Incidentally the world will have to recognize that something akin to a military miracle has taken place, also in full view. Bleeding and brutalizing a people for decades in the name of preparedness only to have it beaten by a nation that practically did not have an army at the beginning of the war is certainly a colossal blunder and the result is likely to make most of the so called inexorable logic of the general staffs look strikingly like nonsense.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

man has an appetite for iced tea, ice cream, Morelo, Bergo, Excelco, Quis, Bevo and Bridgeport beer?—Wheeling Register.

Nevertheless, William Hohenzollern does not talk as much as he did at first. Doing more thinking, William?—Charleston Mail.

Everything is said to all ready for the army, except that there aren't enough weapons, ammunition, clothing or uniforms.—Clarksburg Exponent.

July Circulation

The circulation of The West Virginian for the month of July, 1917, was as follows:

1 Sunday	17 4,806
2 4,756	18 4,823
3 4,800	19 4,846
4 4,800	20 5,931
5 Holiday	21 5,980
6 4,784	22 Sunday
7 4,773	23 4,848
8 4,867	24 4,886
9 4,783	25 4,866
10 4,792	26 4,872
11 4,800	27 4,946
12 4,781	28 5,158
13 4,831	29 Sunday
14 4,903	30 4,940
15 Sunday	31 4,927
16 4,828	

Total for 25 days 122,527

Daily Average for July 4,901
Daily Average for June 4,837

Practically all of this circulation went into Fairmont and Marion County homes, the natural field for the Fairmont merchant.

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WASHINGTON NEWS -- GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—

Samuel B. Montgomery, commissioner of labor for West Virginia, has been in Washington in conference with similar officials from other States and representatives of the Federal Government, relative to the administration of the new national child labor law which goes into effect September 1st. The standard age fixed by this law is sixteen years, and in that provision and in many others it comes into conflict with the child labor laws of the several States. The standard age fixed by the West Virginia law is fourteen years for mines, and manufacturers classed as extra hazardous to life and health. During school term no child of fourteen or less is permitted to work at any gainful occupation whatsoever.

Commissioner Montgomery opposed the strict enforcement of the new Federal law. He told the conference that it would be injurious to industry in West Virginia at any time, but particularly harmful during the war period when the State was putting forth every effort to speed up production under pressure of the country's needs. Not only to industry would it be unnecessarily harmful, but it would be a hardship to hundreds of families in which boys of fifteen and sixteen, well developed lads, were helping their fathers maintain their families, making good wages, and suffering no privations or injustice. He said that the strict enforcement of this law in West Virginia would be decidedly unpopular and more often an injustice than a benefit.

Mr. Montgomery held that under this law no boy of sixteen or less could work in a mine, or about a mine, or be employed by a mining company, no matter if his employment was outside the mine. Nor could he work in any factory, no matter how employed, whether actually a factory operative or not. He pointed out that boys of 15 and 16 were employed their vacation by building 20 miles of good roads in Preston county. Under this law this would be prevented. Another thing, Commissioner Montgomery referred to was the existence in West Virginia of a vagrancy law to which males of 16 to 20 years of age were amenable. The strict enforcement of this Federal law in West Virginia, he said, would take 6,000 boys out of the ranks of useful and gainful labor, and would increase the lack of laborers, skilled and unskilled. In West Virginia to 36,000 at a time when but only the State but the Nation needed every boy of 15 and 16 years on a job, and every man able to work. This is not the time for that, he said.

Harold Dimick, of Huntington, arrived in Washington today with an ambition to be accepted by the government as a candidate for the aviation branch of the army service. He laid his ambition before Senator Sutherland and arrangements were made to introduce him to the chief signal officers at the War Department.

A pension of \$20 a month, Congressman Woodyard was notified today.

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R. Brown Zinn, secretary to Congressman Reid, has gone to his home at Harrisville to present himself to the local subscription board. Secretary Zinn's number was early drawn.

Accompanied by Congressman Stuart F. Reed, Roscoe G. McInley, of Clarksburg paid a visit to the chief aviation officials at the War Department yesterday, with the result that he was accepted for examination for that branch of the service. He left for home with the understanding that he would soon receive orders to report at Columbus, O., for his preliminary examinations. Levi Siers, another Clarksburg boy was also with his Congressman on this visit to the War Department. He is inquiring into several branches of the service, into the signal aviation corps particularly, with a view to enlistment.

While at the Department, Congressman Reed conferred with Major Ridley and put in a strong personal recommendation for a former West Virginian and a State University boy who was his classmate, one Charles H. Rankin, who has been recommended for a captain's commission in the engineering section of the officer's reserve corps. He is now stationed at Fort Leavenworth. Capt. Rankin is a native of Marshall county, and a West Virginian, said Congressman Reed, who has "made good in the west."

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RUFF STUFF

Fine jail this town has. It's darned hard to get into it, unless you are doing something the powers do not approve of.

And it seems just as hard to stay there, if your presence threatens to make trouble for some one with a pull.

Pull in this case means some one connected with the protected industry—bootlegging.

When the colored ball player, caught dead to rights, got away a green street department hand was blamed.

We don't know yet who actually did it, but we know enough to be sure there was nothing to that tale.

Wonder what the Mayor is going to do about it?

We mean the disappearance of those boozey gents.

Same as usual of course nothing.

The gang can't get along without the bootleggers and the Gang owns the city government.

The whole works.

From the janitor right on up to the roof.

Proof? Well, none of them holler out loud when a raw deal—like this jail delivery—is pulled.

If they put benches on the court house lawn they would have to again put out those spittoons.

See the Consol has given a high school site to Monongah.

What a nice indulgent old foster papa the Consol is.

Wonder if it could not be worked to do something handsome for an industrial branch at the Fairmont High school if it were properly approached?

Now that the Russians want to stop running the ungrateful Germans won't let them.

Serves them right.

Red Cross Commission Starts for Rumania

Headed by Henry Watkins Anderson, a prominent lawyer of Richmond, Va., the third Red Cross Commission for relief work abroad has started for their destination in Rumania.

One commission under the leadership of Major Grayson, M. P. Murphy, is already at work in France and a second headed by Dr. Frank Illings, will arrive in a few days in Russia.

The commission just leaving for Rumania will undertake actual relief work at once among the regulars and carry with them a Red Cross medical unit of twelve doctors and twelve nurses, besides quantities of medical supplies, serums, vaccines and foodstuffs. A special emergency appropriation of \$200,000 has been voted for Rumanian relief.

Other men of prominence included in this third commission are: Dr. Francis W. Peabody, of Boston, who represented the Rockefeller Foundation in China, Dr. Gideon Wells, of Chicago, Dr. Roger Griswold Perkins, of Western Reserve University, and Dr. Robert C. Bryan, of Richmond, Va., who is one of the leading surgeons of the South.

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Witness one habit of sleeping at a certain hour to which we have been accustomed.

Regularity in eating is just as important for health. The digestive tract will respond at regular times just as other habits will repeat themselves.

Proper food properly digested will do much for one's health and happiness.

It is a mistake to eat too much. We should try and enjoy our meals by paying attention to the taste of food. Do not gulp it down. It should be masticated and tasted so as to stimulate those nerves which reflect their sense on the other nerves controlling the glands of digestion.

When you feel indigestion after eating a meal note the ingredients eaten, and should it repeat itself, discontinue the faulty food from your diet.

Don't make eating a taste but make it a pleasure, so that the food will digest and be assimilated and applied to the different necessities of the activities of life.

Youth demands a greater variety and quantity of food than does old age and especially does it require much protein and meat.

Learning what foodstuffs best suited is one of the great educational tasks man has before him, for he no longer has the intuition of the lower animals.

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